ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 6, 1841.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1840.		
March 16.	Joseph Hildreth, breaking out roads.....	$ 3 62
	John Leighton, Jr., do. do.....	8 00
	Jona. F. Parker, do. do.....	7 75
	Gilbert Parker, do. do.....	9 12
	Levi T. Fletcher, do. do.....	16 37
	Peter C. Edwards, do. do.....	15 66
	L. T. Fletcher, for work.....	4 20
April 16.	Timo. Cummings, for work.....	2 15
June 2.	W. W. Goodhue, for blacksmithing.....	1 43
Sept. 7.	A. Nutting, cutting brush on the plains.....	10 00
	H. A. Prescott, for services and cash paid witnesses in Hollis case.....	10 00
Sept. 30.	O. Fletcher, building stone bridge.....	225 00
	for extra work about same.....	10 00
	Imla Keyes, breaking out roads.....	2 25
	T. Hopkinson, damages and costs in Hollis case....	172 36
Nov. 21.	John Dane, blacksmithing.....	2 88
	Jacob Blodget, railing at sand hill.....	4 03
Dec. 28.	J. W. P. Abbot, for cash paid witnesses in summoning in Hamlin's case.....	14 00
	J. A. Wright, for powder.....	1 40
	E. Hutchins, Jr., for work.....	5 50
	T. Richardson, breaking out roads.....	11 75
	Bela Wright, for work.....	15 50
	John Cutter, for work.....	4 50
	for advertisements to let out bridge...	1 00
Feb. 6.	Peter C. Edwards, for work on the roads.....	16 90
	Samuel Fletcher, for cash paid witnesses in Hamlin's suit.....	128 66
	Samuel Fletcher, for cash paid I. A. Beard for surveying and plan.....	15 25
	Samuel Fletcher, for services in above suit.....	39 13
	J. W. P. Abbot, for services in above suit.....	17 90
	Chamberlin & Lawrence, for blacksmithing.....	83
	B. F. Keyes, for summoning witnesses and cash paid.....	8 12
	L. T. Fletcher, for work on roads.....	3 12
	H. Prescott, for work on roads.....	3 50
		$792 88

INTEREST ON NOTES.

1840.				
March 16.	Joel Parker,	interest on order		$30 00
June 2.	Sarah Richardson,	interest on Note		6 00
	Parazina Heyden,	do.	do	8 22
Sept. 7.	Joseph Fletcher,	do.	do	12 00
	Jonathan Prescott,	do.	do	12 00
	H. A. Prescott,	do.	do	3 60
Oct. 15.	E. C. Kneeland,	do.	do	6 00
	J. Abbot,	do.	do	6 00
	L. W. Davis,	do.	do	12 00
	W. H. Manning,	do.	do	9 00
	Abram Prescott,	do.	do	8 40
	John Hildreth,	do.	do	6 00
Dec. 28.	Abel Hildreth,	do.	do	9 00
	Joseph Fletcher,	do.	do	12 00
	John B. Fletcher,	do.	do	30 00
	J. F. Parker,	do.	do	3 60
	J. F. Parker,	do.	do	3 60
1841.				
Feb. 6.	H. A. Prescott,	do.	do	6 00
				$183 42

POOR.

1840.		
April 6.	J. M. Wright, for digging grave	$ 1 50
	Timo. Cummings, for taking care of Joel Spaulding,	6 00
	for taking care of Augustus Brooks,	24 00
June 1.	J. W. P. Abbot, for cash paid on account of Mrs. Coburn, and which has since been refunded by Dracut	153 19
June 2.	T. Smith, for services on account of Mrs. Coburn	2 00
June 12.	L. T. Fletcher, for rye	20 00
Sept. 7.	David Whitney, for a shoat in 1839	8 00
	Benjamin Adams, for goods	34 63
	Town of Chelmsford for Moses Hildreth	18 87
	Orin Wilson, for pump and pipe at poor house	22 00
	G. Farmer, on account of the Daland family	15 00
	S. and S. D. Fletcher, for tea, cheese, tobacco, crockery, etc	36 25
	Joseph Hildreth, for one pair of boots	4 75
Sept. 14.	A. Prescott, for 2 coffins	3 50
Sept. 30.	B. Osgood, for visits and medicines	17 34
Nov. 21.	T. Wells, for visits and medicines	12 17
	L. Snow, digging 2 graves	2 50
Dec. 28.	L. T. Fletcher, for stock	72 00
	Amount carried forward	$453 70

	Amount brought forward	$453 70
1841.		
	Ama Richardson, for a cow	20 00
Feb. 6.	J. W. P. Abbot, for writing indentures for B. F. Prescott	2 50
	Benja. Osgood, visits and medicine	7 52
	Gilbert Farmer, master, balance for cash advanced town	217 40
	Levi Heywood, for articles delivered P. Dutton	12 02
	for cash paid on account of C. Green,	6 75
	for cash paid City of Boston, for J. Bennett	8 00
	for cash paid for postage	83
	Levi Heywood, chairman, for work and services	10 00
	Bela Wright, overseer	5 00
	Levi T. Fletcher, overseer	8 50
	Ira Leland, for taking care of B. F. Green, 1 year	20 00
		$772 22

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1840.		
April 6.	Bela Wright, over taxed in 1838	$ 6 60
	S. W. & Asaph Porlin, over taxed in 1838 and 1839,	3 60
	Asa Porlin, over taxed in 1839	1 65
	E. Hutchins, Jr., discount on $16	80
	for collecting in 1837	6 42
	for collecting in 1838	15 11
	for abatement of taxes in 1838 and 1839	22 62
	Josiah Webber, for H. W. taxes returned unworked,	2 00
Sept. 14.	E. Bunce, for H. W. taxes returned unworked,	66
Nov. 21.	E. Prescott, abatement of taxes in 1839	4 00
Dec. 28.	Jed. Robbins, for H. W. taxes returned unworked in 1838 and 1839	4 92
1841.		
Feb. 6.	William Adams, poll tax of son	1 50
	J. A. Wright, error in H. W. tax, 1840	70
	Jona. Keyes, error in H. W. tax, 1840	95
	W. Chandler, H. W. tax returned unworked in 1839	4 80
	A. N. Chandler, H. W. tax returned unworked in 1839	40
	James Searles, poll tax in 1839, by vote	1 50
	Jackson Prescott, poll tax in 1840	1 50
	E. Hutchins, Jr., collector, abatement of taxes in 1839	11 34
		$91 07

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1840.	
March 16. D. C. Butterfield, for entertainment room, lights, etc.	$13 00
June 12. L. Huntress, for printing annual report for 1839	10 00
Sept. 7. J. W. P. Abbot, for going to Lowell, cash paid, and other services	8 07
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for postage and stationery	1 27
Sept. 14. Avery Prescott, for a chest	3 25
Dec. 28. J. A. Wright, for paper, and going to pay town debts	3 50
D. C. Butterfield, for boarding Assessors	12 00
1841.	
Feb. 6. First Parish, for use of meetinghouse for town meetings	10 00
H. A. Prescott, for settling E. Reed's guardianship account with J. Probate	4 25
Chamberlain & Lawrence, mending hearse	50
Z. Reed, Jr., making out this report	5 00
	$70 84

ASSESSORS AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

1840.	
Sept. 7. Z. Reed, Jr., taking valuation and making taxes	$30 12
John Cutter, taking valuation and making taxes	26 87
Jonas Prescott, taking valuation and making taxes,	26 87
1841.	
Feb. 6. J. A. Wright, town treasurer and receiver	24 00
John W. P. Abbot, town clerk	12 00
Z. Reed, Jr., selectman	5 00
John Cutter, selectman	5 00
Jonas Prescott, selectman	5 00
	$134 86

SCHOOLS.

1840.		
Sept. 14.	School District No. 1, balance for 1839	$ 50 50
	" " " 2, " "	33 00
	" " " 5, " "	33 69
	" " " 6, " "	29 10
	" " " 7, " "	31 19
	" " " 8, " "	21 98
	" " " 9, " "	23 02
Dec. 28.	School District No. 1, balance for 1840.....	146 30
	" " " 2, " "	127 68
	" " " 3, " "	71 82
	" " " 4, " "	78 74
	" " " 5, " "	93 10
	" " " 6, " "	78 47
	" " " 7, " "	78 47
	" " " 8, " "	81 13
	" " " 9, " "	69 16
		$1,047 35

RECAPITULATION.

Roads and Bridges.....	$ 792 88
Interest on Notes.....	183 42
Poor.....	772 22
Abatement of Taxes.....	91 07
Incidental Expenses.....	70 84
Assessors and Town Officers.....	134 86
Schools...	1,047 35
	$3,092 64

ZACHEUS REED, JR.
JOHN CUTTER,
JONAS PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Feb. 8, 1841.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
February 10, 1841.

The Committee chosen to reckon with Jacob A. Wright, Treasurer, for the year 1840 and 1841, submit the following Report:

The Treasurer has received of Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., Collector for 1839, balance in the Treasurer's hands due at the last settlement, taxes paid to the Treasurer before Dec. 1, 1840, and all other sources including money borrowed, the sum of..		$5,675 37
And he has paid out, for which he has shown proper vouchers, the sum of.....		5,689 51
Leaving a balance against the town due to the Treasurer, amounting to.....		$14 14
There is now due from Luther Prescott, Collector for 1840, the sum of.....	$1,074 47	
E. Hutchins, Jr., Collector for 1839.....	28 34	
From the State, for money paid soldiers.....	165 00	
David P. Lawrence's note.....	25 00	
	$1,292 81	
Deduct balance due Treasurer.....	14 14	
Making resources of the town.....	$1,278 67	
There is also in the hands of the Treasurer, a $100 Franklin Bank bill, which has been heretofore reckoned in the annual report, but which is now omitted, being good for nothing.		
Your committee further report, that the town is indebted to various persons on notes including interest, to the amount of....		$4,009 80
Outstanding orders.....		547 57
Outstanding claims estimated at.....		450 00
Amounting to.....		$5,007 37
Deduct.....		1,278 67
Leaving a balance against the town amounting to.....		$3,728 70

The liabilities of the town are $183.65 less this year than last, and if the amount of the Franklin Bank bill could have been realized, the debt would have been diminished $283.65.

J. W. P. ABBOT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
Committee

JACOB A. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

March 9.	§Joel Adams, for 1838	$ 45
	§Ira Bicknell, highway tax for 1837	40
Oct. 18.	§Ebenezer Prescott, error in 1834	47
Nov. 23.	§Amos Hildreth, 2d, highway tax	31
	Ebenezer Prescott, poll tax as by vote, 1839,	1 50
	Asia Hamblin, poll tax as by vote, 1839	1 50
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for 1837–8	50 98
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for overcast of taxes in 1838	9 62
	§N. S. Hamblin, highway tax, 1838	21
1840.		
Feb. 15.	Lemuel Bicknell, poll tax	1 50
	H. P. Herrick, highway tax	1 01
	Abijah Hildreth, poll tax	1 50
	Lysander Heywood, poll tax	1 50
	Estate of Addison Parker	6 13
	Z. Read, Jr., highway tax	10
	Josiah Vose, Jr., abatement in part	1 48
	Widow Martha Parker, in part for over taxing,	2 49
		$81 15

SCHOOLS.

1839.		
March 9.	§Luther Wilson, committee	$11 75
Oct. 18.	H. A. Prescott, committee	6 50
1840.		
Feb. 8.	H. A. Prescott, committee	6 00
Feb. 15.	E. Abbott, committee	14 50
		$38 75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

March 9.	§Isaac Day, for gates for west burying ground	$ 1 67
	§Avery Prescott, sundries	2 47
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., for collecting taxes in 1838,	36 00
	§Samuel Fletcher	1 00
	D. W. Hemingway, for entertainment	10 25
June 21.	John Stacy, for binding old town records	6 75
July 9.	Samuel Fletcher, for stationery, etc.	5 60
Sept. 2.	Ephraim Wright, for attending 3 funerals	2 70
Sept. 25.	L. Huntress, for printing and advertising	1 00
Oct. 18.	Abijah Watson, for printing tax bills	3 50
	J. W. P. Abbott, for postage, etc.	3 65
	H. A. Prescott, getting school fund interest,	50
Nov. 23.	Samuel Fletcher, attending suit Boston vs. Westford	3 00
	§Asia Hamlin, collecting, N. E. school district tax, 1835	5 45
	Amount carried forward	$83 54

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 17, 1840.

The Committee chosen to reckon with Amos Heywood, Treasurer for the years 1839 and 1840, make the following Report:

The said Treasurer has received of Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., collector of taxes, the balance due in the hands of the Treasurer, at the last settlement, taxes paid to the Treasurer before Dec. 1st, 1839, and all other sources, the sum of.....		$5,149 66
And has paid out, excepting the several sums paid on account of schools, the sum of..	$4,478 90	
On account of schools	297 89	
Amounting to.....		4,776 79
Leaving a balance due the town.....		$372 87
There is now due from E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for 1839.....		981 02
From the State, on account of the school fund.....		50 00
Amounting to.....		$1,403 89
Your Committee further report that the town is indebted to various persons, on notes including interest.....	$3,746 30	
Due the several school districts.....	552 88	
Outstanding orders in 1838.....	310 00	
Outstanding orders in 1839.....	407 06	
Outstanding claims for 1839, estimated at...	300 00	
And amounting to.....	$5,316 24	
Leaving a balance against the town of.....		$3,912 35

JONAS PRESCOTT,
THADDEUS BLODGET,
Committee.

AMOS HEYWOOD, *Treasurer.*